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In re application of )

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER RULE 313

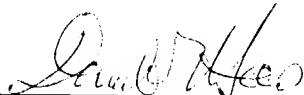
The Applicant hereby submits this Petition requesting that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue. The Applicant has submitted a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with Rule 114 separately from this Petition but a copy of that filing is enclosed herewith. The purpose of the Request for Continued Examination is to amend the specification to include a claim to priority to the prior U.S. application. The request for amendment of the specification was made in the patent application transmittal form but that was not made in accordance with the current amendment procedure.

Please charge the fee for making this petition set out in Rule 17(h), \$130, to Shell Oil Company Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION UNDER RULE 1.78

The Applicant hereby requests consideration of this Petition Under Rule 1.78.

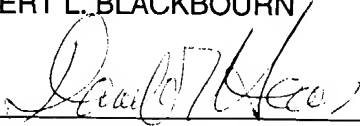
The undersigned recently became aware that the old practice of being able to insert a cross reference to a prior U.S. application by requesting such in the patent application transmittal form was changed by the new amendment practice effective July 30, 2003. It was at this time that the undersigned reviewed this patent application and found out that the amendment to include the required cross reference to the provisional application serial number 60/423,140 had only been requested at the time of filing in the transmittal form. The undersigned states that this error to include a preliminary amendment along with the filing was unintentional and that the entire delay in submitting this amendment was unintentional. The Applicant requests that the amendment of the specification in the amendment filed concurrently herewith be accepted.

The Applicant requests that the fee for filing this petition and any fee/surcharge required for late filing of the amendment to include the cross reference to the prior application be charged to Shell Oil Company Deposit Account 19-1800.

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